



# Rapid River News

November 16th, 2015

Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)! The RRN is a quick view of what is happening at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI.

**Employee Mandatory Meeting Tuesday the 17th!** The tribal government offices will be closed on the 17th beginning at 11 a.m. for a mandatory employee meeting called by Ogema Romanelli. Please make note of this closure and plan accordingly so that you don't miss any appointments! The offices will re-open the morning of the 18th at 8.a.m.

**THP Looking for your input!** Tribal Historical Preservation has received a grant to teach some tribal 'arts'. Please let us know what tribal arts you would like to see taught here. Contact Tribal Historical Preservation Director Jay Sam at extension 6893 or call 1.888.723.8288 no later than November 24th!

**Family Services/Salvation Army!** Working together for tribal families! See page 3

**New Commerce MOU!** See page 5 for details!

**Financial Education Presentation!** Tuesday the 17th *Chi Ishobak* is holding a Financial Education presentation in the Lodge at 9 a.m. See the full announcement on page 6! Private conferences are on the 18th! Make a reservation!

**LRCR Board announcement:** The Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors and executive team will be available in the Grand River Room to receive comments and concerns from Tribal Members. They will be there at 6 p.m. on the following dates: **11.20-12.17**

**LRCR Board Sessions for 2016!** Open Sessions at 6:00pm; Grand River Room; Tribal Members invited. January 28, 2016, February 25, 2016, March 24, 2016. Closed Sessions – tentative start time is 8:30am. Those sessions are scheduled for January 29, 2016, February 26, 2016, March 25, 2016

**Children's Christmas Party!** Check out page 2 for details on the Children's Christmas Party December 13th. Be sure and register by November 24th at 5 p.m. so that your young ones can receive gifts.

**Last Currents of 2015 will be combined November/December!** We've been experiencing some serious computer problems and the November issue of the paper is being delayed. We'll have a combined paper for you as soon as issues are fixed. Our apologies, but it's out of our control. There will be a printed copy too!

**October Currents!** The October Currents is online on the website at <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/October%20currents.pdf>. The November issue should be up shortly. Be sure to check in regularly. There is a printed issue this month so watch for it!



### ***Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements***

- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations). **Ogema Meet 'N Greet always the night before the meeting!**

- **Employee Mandatory Meeting November 17th.** Office closed at 11 a.m.
- **Elders Christmas Party is December 6th.** The party will be in the Three Fires Conference Center.

Be sure to register your children to receive gifts at the party. Check out the details here >>>>>>>>>>>>>>

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- # CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
- When:** Sunday December 13, 2015  
**Where:** L.R.C.R. Event Center  
**Time:** 11a.m. ~ 3p.m.  
**To register please call:** 231-723-8288  
or toll free 888-723-8288  
ask for Mary Thomas ext. 6824
- Registration is required to participate in the event as we need an accurate count of who will attend. Mark your calendar and register your children for this special event! Children must be present to receive a gift. Failure to register will result in your child not receiving a gift.**
- Registration Deadline November 24th at 5 p.m.!**
- The party is open to Tribal and descendent children.**





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## LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov)

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

**Check the website at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)**

**For the latest postings!**

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: [jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov) This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

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What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to: **LRBOI Human Resources**

**2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F**

**Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: [jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov) Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288**

## Family Services partners with the Salvation Army to assist Tribal families

The **LRBOI Family Services** department in collaboration with the **Manistee Salvation Army** is proud to offer clothing and household item assistance for those meeting program income guidelines. Upon completion of an initial intake and assessment by Family Services staff, Tribal families may be eligible for punch cards which can be redeemed at the Manistee Salvation Army thrift store. In an effort to further the collaboration between organizations, two red donation barrels have been provided by the Salvation Army to collect gently used clothing from the community to replenish the thrift store. One of the barrels is located in the lobby of the Family Services department and the other location will be determined soon.



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**No Shave November** Public Safety is raising money to help purchase winter apparel for children in our community that may not have proper winter gear. If you would like to pledge money towards the cause, please contact Matt Umlauf or any of our Tribal Public Safety Officers!

*Manistee Child Advocacy Center would like to invite you to the most delicious benefit known to man kind!*

## *For the Love of Children and Chocolate*

*This is your opportunity to purchase over 50 luscious handmade chocolate treats which support services to protect children.*

*All proceeds benefit Manistee County child victims and families of abuse and neglect.*

*December 4th & 5th 2015*

*Friday: 3:00 — 7:00 pm*

*Saturday: 12:00 — 7:00 pm*

*Location : 318 River Street  
(Next to Bluefish Restaurant)*







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## Chi Ishobak, Inc. and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Sign Memorandum of Understanding

Chi Ishobak, Inc. Will Serve As the Native Community Development Financial Institution for the Economic and Financial Development for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

October 19, 2015

**Dowagiac, MI** – The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Chi Ishobak, Inc. have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which Chi Ishobak will serve as the Certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Chi Ishobak will provide access to capital for tribal citizens for small business loans and consumer loans with supplemental education-oriented services to build professional and personal financial capacity.

“This partnership is a significant milestone within Indian Country,” said Chi Ishobak Executive Director Sean Winters. “This type of program works within economically distressed communities and provides capital and credit, while empowering Native Americans to continue strengthening our tribal nations.”

Chi Ishobak has been providing its loan program, business development, and personal financial education curriculum to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians since 2009. The impact Pokagon Band citizens have recognized has been growing steadily year-by-year. Since 2012 more than \$900,000 has been disbursed to tribal entrepreneurs and consumers. Tribal businesses have generated more than \$2.7 million in local economies and created approximately 15 jobs through existing small-businesses, start-up business, and a female-owned business. Chi Ishobak clients have eliminated over \$81,000 of consumer debt, increased credit scores by an average of 41 points over a 10-month period, and helped establish an initial credit score average of 671 over a 10-month period.

Chi Ishobak and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will aggressively market this program to tribal citizens via email, newsletters, websites, and through tribal government to increase exposure to program information and details as part of the initial launch. Chi Ishobak will be on-site in both Manistee and Muskegon within the next two months to promote this partnership. Locations, dates, and times are forthcoming and will be made available in advance.

Chi Ishobak strives to establish financial responsibility and accountability for tribal citizens through cultural and traditional teachings. Combining traditional ways with modern resources has become a proven system for empowering tribal citizens to properly manage and plan for economic resources.

“Chi Ishobak would love to create this type of relationship with other Michigan Tribes,” added Winters. “We are all family and the greater number of tribal citizens we can help will accelerate the benefit across Indian Country.”

Additional information can be found through Chi Ishobak’s website at [www.chiishobak.org](http://www.chiishobak.org) or by contacting Chi Ishobak offices at (269) 783-4157.



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## FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians On-site Assistance

November 17 & 18, 2015

### Restore your financial health

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has signed an MOU with Chi Ishobak, a Native Community Development Financial Institution to provide tribal citizens with access to financial education, to help bring you to a state of financial wellness.

**Tuesday, November 17th 9:00 a.m.**  
**Government Center, Lodge in Manistee**

Presentation by Sean Winters regarding Chi Ishobak, CDFI  
Entrepreneurial Support, Debt Elimination, Credit Building, Financial  
Responsibility, Cultural Obligation, Wealth Building that works

**Wednesday, November 18th ALL DAY**  
**Private Appointments, Library on 2nd Floor**

Relieve financial stress with proper management of your finances

Call for your 15 - 30 minute intake appointment

*Stuck in payday loans?*

*Need assistance every-  
month to keep your utili-  
ties on, habitually falling  
behind on rent? Break  
the cycle now with per-  
sonalized strategies and  
confidential assistance.*

- Make your appointment
  - today
- Call Chi Ishobak at
  - (269)783-4157



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## Tribal Court—November Docket

Key:		EM	Emancipation of Minor	NA	Neglect Abuse
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NC	Name Change
CS	Child Support	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	PF	Probate
CT	Civil Ticket	GA	Gaming Appeal	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DM	Divorce with children	GC	General Civil	TA	Trust Access
DP	Paternity	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
DO	Divorce w/o children	GR	Employment Matter	WC	Workmen’s Compensation
EA	Enrollment Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint		
EB	Election Board Appeal	JV	Juvenile		
		LT	Landlord Tenant		

### Monday, November 16, 2015

### Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Steele	15212TM Arraignment
11:00 a.m.	Guardianship Hrg.	15192PF Closed Hrg.
01:15 p.m.	Dore v. Stevens	10202CS Show Cause Hrg.

### Thursday, November 19, 2015

### Judge Sherigan

01:30 p.m.	Neglect/Abuse	09053NA Closed Hrg.
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### Friday, November 20, 2015

### Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m.	Sprau v. Casino	14232GC Motion to Dismiss
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### Monday, November 23, 2015

### Judge Bailey

11:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	11223NA Closed Hrg.
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Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 the court offices will be closed for the THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.





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## Attention US Veterans/Tribal Warriors

The LRBOI Tribal Enrollment Department would like to encourage you to make sure and share your Military status information with the tribal offices!

If we don't know that you are one of our Warriors, it is hard to honor your service and assist you with obtaining information that could be helpful to you. Please contact the Enrollment Department and let them know you are one of our Warriors!

Contact their offices at extension 6712/6713

*Thanks for your service!*

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Please let your voice be HEARD!! If you have not registered to Vote, call the Enrollment Office at 231.398.6712 or the Election Board Offices at extension 6709 to have a Voter Registration Form sent to you. Fill it out and attach a copy of your Tribal I.D. Then return it!

**You must be registered to vote in tribal elections!**

Don't procrastinate, you want your vote to make a difference! Don't let others speak for you!!

If you have questions about how to fill out the Voter Registration Form, call us at 231-398-6712.

The Rapid River News is a publication of the Office of Public Affairs of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information!

Please note that Hyperlinks are scattered through the RRN. These 'links' take you direct documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on the or copy and paste them in your browser for more information





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**“O Great Spirit Whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, here me! I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.”** *From Prayer to the Great Spirit*

The Great Spirit runs the world and the people by a set of natural laws and principles. He says we are to live our lives and make decisions that will be in harmony with these laws. He says we should be respectful to all things and to all people. He says we should pray for each other. He says we should forgive one another. It is easy to tell if a person is following the ways of the Great Spirit. You can tell by how a man walks in life. He doesn't need to say anything. If we are dishonest or deceitful, other people will know. This is true because we are all interconnected in the Unseen World.

**My Creator, let me obey our ways. Let me Walk the Talk.**

*Kateri prayer*

## (Cultural & Government related items)

**Warriors Society:** Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email:

BigKahunnnna@aol.com' (BigKahunnnna@aol.com)

for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



**Commission Openings!** **Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees!** The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.



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<b>Departments</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Main phone numbers</b>
<b>Accounting</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6868</b>
<b>Be-Da-Bin</b>	<b>Government Center—Clinic entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6741</b>
<b>Commerce</b>	<b>Government Center — Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6866</b>
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</b>	<b>231.398. 6715</b>
<b>Courts</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.3406</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Government Center—Clinic entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6735</b>
<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6712</b>
<b>Fitness Center</b>	<b>Government Center—Lower Level</b>	<b>231.398.6636</b>
<b>Family Services</b>	<b>Government Center—Clinic entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6734</b>
<b>Grants Department</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6843</b>
<b>Gaming Commission</b>	<b>Old Casino Building</b>	<b>231-723-7755</b>
<b>Health Clinic</b>	<b>Government Center—North End</b>	<b>231.723.8299</b>
<b>Historic Preservation</b>	<b>Government Center— Lower Level</b>	<b>231.398.6891</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</b>	<b>231.398.6879</b>
<b>Human Resources</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6859</b>
<b>Members Legal Asst.</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2234</b>
<b>Members Assistance</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6718</b>
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>9th Street Offices—Manistee</b>	<b>231.723.1594</b>
<b>Peacemaking/Probation</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2239</b>
<b>Planning Department</b>	<b>Government Center —Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6810</b>
<b>Prosecutor</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2242</b>
<b>Public Affairs</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6872</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2225</b>
<b>Tax Office</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6874</b>
<b>Utilities/Waste Water</b>	<b>Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)</b>	<b>231.398.2285</b>
<b>Work Force Development</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6842</b>